



## Graciela Herburt-Hewell

March 29, 1944 - December 12, 2025

Graciela passed away peacefully in her home on December 12, 2025, following her battle with cancer. Born on March 29, 1944, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Luis Maria Brea and Elina Elsa Botto, Graciela was one of five siblings—Luis, Pablo, Diego, and Marily—who shared a close and loving bond throughout their lives.

From an early age, Graciela embraced life with energy and joy. She loved singing, dancing, and staying active, but above all, she cherished time spent with family and friends. Her adventurous spirit and passion for new experiences led her to the United States, where she studied English at Georgetown University. Captivated by the vibrancy of Washington, D.C., she made the courageous decision to leave her family in Argentina and accept a position as executive assistant to the Ambassador of Argentina.

While in Washington, D.C., Graciela met the love of her life, Janusz. Together, they built a beautiful family and shared decades of love, laughter, and devotion.

For more than thirty years, Graciela served her country with grace and dedication, providing continuity and support to numerous ambassadors. Her work encompassed policy, protocol, state dinners, and the administration of the embassy—always carried out with professionalism and warmth. She retired in 2009, leaving behind a legacy of service and integrity.

After retirement, Graciela and Janusz began a new chapter in The Villages, Florida, where she found a deep sense of community among wonderful

neighbors and friends. Her life there was filled with joy, companionship, and faith.

Graciela's greatest passions were her family and the Catholic church. She was a devoted mother and a loving wife, selflessly supporting her husband through his entrepreneurial pursuits and later through his illness until his passing in 2023. Her strength and resilience were rooted in her unwavering faith, which guided her throughout life's elations and challenges.

She will be remembered as a kind soul, a selfless supporter, and an uplifting presence to all who knew her. Graciela is survived by her three children—Allegra, Carolina, and Jan—and her five beloved grandchildren: Alina, Augie, Grace, Roman, and Anika.

Her memory will live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and all whose lives she touched.

Funeral services will be held at St. Mark The Evangelist Catholic Church on Thursday, December 18th, 2025, at 10:00am.

Address:

7081 SE Hwy 42

Summerfield, FL 34491

Reception to follow on the patio of Legacy Restaurant at Nancy Lopez Country Club,

17135 Buena Vista Blvd,

The Villages, FL 32162

Graciela falleció pacíficamente en su hogar el 12 de diciembre de 2025, tras una valiente lucha contra el cáncer. Nació el 29 de marzo de 1944 en Buenos Aires, Argentina, hija de Luis María Brea y Elina Elsa Botto. Fue una de cinco hermanos —Luis, Pablo, Diego y Marily— con quienes mantuvo a lo largo de su vida un vínculo profundo, cercano y lleno de amor.

Desde muy joven, Graciela abrazó la vida con entusiasmo y alegría. Disfrutaba cantar, bailar y mantenerse activa, pero más que todo valoraba el tiempo compartido con su familia y amigos. Su espíritu aventurero y su curiosidad por el mundo la llevaron a emigrar a Estados Unidos, donde estudió inglés en la Universidad de Georgetown. Enamorada de la energía y vitalidad de Washington, D.C., tomó la valiente decisión de dejar su Argentina natal y aceptar un puesto como asistente ejecutiva del Embajador de la República Argentina.

Fue en Washington, D.C. donde Graciela conoció al amor de su vida, Janusz. Juntos construyeron una hermosa familia y compartieron décadas de amor, risas y profunda devoción. Durante más de treinta años, Graciela sirvió a su país con profesionalismo, calidez y una elegancia natural, brindando continuidad y apoyo a numerosos embajadores. Su labor abarcó áreas de política, protocolo, organización de cenas de Estado y administración general de la embajada. Se retiró en 2009, dejando un legado de servicio, compromiso e integridad.

Tras su jubilación, Graciela y Janusz iniciaron una nueva etapa en The Villages, Florida, donde ella encontró un fuerte sentido de comunidad y cultivó entrañables amistades. Su vida allí estuvo colmada de compañía, serenidad, alegría y fe.

Las grandes pasiones de Graciela fueron su familia y la Iglesia Católica. Fue una madre dedicada, una esposa amorosa y un pilar incondicional para su familia. Acompañó con generosidad y entrega a su esposo en sus proyectos empresariales y, más adelante, durante su enfermedad, hasta su fallecimiento en 2023. Su fortaleza y resiliencia tuvieron siempre como raíz una fe profunda e inquebrantable, que la sostuvo tanto en las alegrías como en los desafíos de la vida.

Graciela será recordada como un alma bondadosa, una mujer generosa y una presencia luminosa que elevaba a quienes la rodeaban. Le sobreviven sus tres hijos —Allegra, Carolina y Jan— y sus cinco queridos nietos: Alina,

Augie, Grace, Roman y Anika.

Su memoria vivirá por siempre en los corazones de su familia, sus amigos y de todos aquellos cuyas vidas tocó con su amor y su ejemplo.

# Previous Events

## Catholic Mass

DEC 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark The Evangelist  
7081 SE Hwy 42  
Summerfield, FL 34491  
(352) 347-9317

## Reception

DEC 18 (ET)

Nancy Lopez Country Club  
17135 Buena Vista Blvd  
The Villages, FL 32162

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ Alexia Redick Bartlett purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Graciela Herburt-Hewell.



Alexia Redick Bartlett - December 18, 2025 at 02:53 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Graciela Herburt-Hewell.



December 17, 2025 at 06:53 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Graciela Herburt-Hewell.



December 17, 2025 at 06:31 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Graciela Herburt-Hewell.



December 16, 2025 at 09:29 PM

AM

“ Andrew & Emily Midgette purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Graciela Herbut-Hewell.



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**Andrew & Emily Midgette** - December 16, 2025 at 02:43 PM

LS

“ Love, Shelagh purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Graciela Herbut-Hewell.



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**Love, Shelagh** - December 16, 2025 at 02:25 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Graciela Herbut-Hewell.



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December 16, 2025 at 11:07 AM

LW

“ It is my great good fortune to have Graciela's daughter Allegra as my daughter-in-law. As I got to know Graciela, I came to see that she had modeled for her children a life well-lived: a life of grace and virtue, of beauty, laughter, and love. A deep, sustaining commitment to friends and colleagues -- and, above all, unreservedly, to family. Thank you, Graciela! Now as you join your beloved husband, you leave to us the legacy of your many good works and the blessings of the family that will carry your spirit forward here on earth.  
(from Daniel's mother)

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**Liz McPike Wilson** - December 16, 2025 at 01:25 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Graciela Herburt-Hewell.



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December 15, 2025 at 08:36 PM

FM

“ From Marek, Krystyna, Richard & Maria planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Graciela Herburt-Hewell.

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**From Marek, Krystyna, Richard & Maria** - December 15, 2025 at 08:36 PM

NZ

“ 1 file added to the album *Nancy & Lydia's Weekly Line Dance Group*



Nancy Zurak - December 15, 2025 at 08:11 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Graciela Herbut-Hewell.



December 15, 2025 at 05:31 PM

TT

“ The Atlas Society Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Graciela Herbut-Hewell.

The Atlas Society Team - December 15, 2025 at 05:31 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Graciela Herbut-Hewell.



December 15, 2025 at 03:09 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Graciela Herburt-Hewell.*



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December 15, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ *Alex and Barbara Hoskins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Graciela Herburt-Hewell.*

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**Alex and Barbara Hoskins** - December 15, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Graciela Herburt-Hewell.*



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December 15, 2025 at 01:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Graciela Herburt-Hewell.*



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December 15, 2025 at 01:36 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Graciela Herburt-Hewell.*



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December 15, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ *When Vickie and I met your parents at the Marine Corps Ball they treated us like family and glowed with pride for their son Jan. Your mom was a very sweet woman. We are very sorry for your loss and our prayers are with your family through this sad time in your lives.*

*Bob and Vickie Propp*

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**Robert Propp** - December 15, 2025 at 10:11 AM



“ *Rob, Kenzie, Silas & Vincent purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Graciela Herburt-Hewell.*



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**Rob, Kenzie, Silas & Vincent** - December 15, 2025 at 06:13 AM



“ *Rob, Kenzie, Silas & Vincent planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Graciela Herburt-Hewell.*

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**Rob, Kenzie, Silas & Vincent** - December 15, 2025 at 06:13 AM

LM

“ Liz McPike Wilson (Daniel's mother) purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Graciela Herburt-Hewell.



Liz McPike Wilson (Daniel's mother) - December 15, 2025 at 12:12 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Graciela Herburt-Hewell.



December 14, 2025 at 07:17 PM

AD

“ Arun Dayalan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Graciela Herburt-Hewell.

Arun Dayalan - December 14, 2025 at 07:17 PM

FG

“ From the Hewell Event Girls purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Graciela Herburt-Hewell.



From the Hewell Event Girls - December 14, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Graciela Herbut-Hewell.



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December 14, 2025 at 04:34 PM



“ Hao planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Graciela Herbut-Hewell.

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**Hao** - December 14, 2025 at 04:34 PM